

Minutes
Graduate Council
November 29, 2007

Members Present: Neslihan Alp, Hinsdale Bernard, Roger Briley, Joe Dumas, David Edwards, John Freeman, Gale Iles, Jonathan McNair, Brian O’Leary, Mark Schorr, Cathie Smith, Chris Smith, Joyce Smith

Members Absent: Boris Belinskiy, Nicholas Boer, Tom Buggy, Linda Fletcher, Edwin Foster, Kristi Gibbs, Pam Guess, Michael Long, Vicki Petzko, Kim Turner

Ex-officio Members Present: Deborah Arfken, Stephanie Bellar, Yvonne Kilpatrick, Craig Reddock

Ex-officio Members Absent: Theresa Liedtka

Guests Present: Linda Orth

Summary of Actions

Passed the following Curriculum Proposals:

Education:

08-0030G – Delete EDD 762 (Program Evaluation II) from core; add EDD 733 (Qualitative Research Methods), passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0031G – Add Ed.D. study procedures in Learning and Leadership to graduate catalog: passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0032G – Revise dissertation continuous enrollment policy, Ed.D. Learning and Leadership: passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0033G – Revise general continuous enrollment policy, Ed.D. Learning and Leadership: passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0034G – Changes to School Psychology Ed.S. program to allow alternate courses as options for specific courses listed in catalog: passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0035G and 08-0036G – Considered together; Elementary Ed. and Secondary Ed., M.Ed. admissions change to accept Praxis I scores or valid state teaching license and experience: passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0037G – Remove the GRE as an admission requirement for the Ed.S. Advanced Educational Practice, Instructional Leadership concentration: passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

English:

08-0014G – Strengthen graduate English programs: passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

Nursing:

08-0038G – Change admission requirements for School of Nursing Master of Science: passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

Music:

08-0029G – Add MUS 516, Symphonic Literature: passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

Physical Therapy:

080-0013G – Add course for an elective in Sports Physical Therapy: passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

Psychology:

08-0011G – Add graduate electives: PSY 521 Occupational and Organizational Health; passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0012G – Add graduate Psychology elective: Qualitative Methods for Applied Research and Evaluation; passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

Opening of the Meeting and Minutes:

In Vicki Petzko's absence, Joe Dumas called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m. The minutes of the November 8, 2007 meeting were approved with the following corrections: in the Summary of Actions change to "a hand count" and change "College of Nursing" to "School of Nursing" in the Summary of Actions and in the Report of the Curriculum Committee sections.

Report of the Curriculum Committee :

Jonathan McNair, committee chair, brought forward the following proposals:

Education:

Due to their similarities, the council considered proposals 08-0035G and 08-0036G together. John Freeman explained that the proposal changes the non-licensure track admission process for Elementary Ed., Secondary Ed. and M.Ed. to accept Praxis I scores or a valid state-teaching license and teaching experience. The proposals passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0037G – This proposal removes the GRE as an admission requirement for the Ed.S. Advanced Educational Practice, Instructional Leadership concentration. The motivation to remove the GRE as an admission requirement is multi-faceted: a Master's degree is required, students pursuing this degree will be primarily licensed teachers who have already demonstrated their ability to work at the graduate level, and it is not a requirement of similar programs in this region. The proposal passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0030G – Delete EDD 762 (Program Evaluation II) from the core; add EDD 733 (Qualitative Research Methods) EDD 762 will be offered periodically as a focused elective. The revised program, which will better prepare doctoral students to conduct dissertation research, passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0033G – The proposal revises the Ed.D. in Learning and Leadership program's general continuous enrollment policy language in the catalog. It passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0032G – The proposal will require students to enroll in a minimum of 3 credit hours per semester while completing the dissertation for the Ed.D. in Learning and Leadership. It passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0031G – The proposal will add the procedures for the "Program of Study" form to the Graduate Catalog for the Ed.D. in Learning and Leadership. The form allows the department to manage individual student coursework. The proposal passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0034G – This proposal makes changes to the School Psychology (Ed.S.) program, allowing alternate courses as options for specific courses listed in the Graduate Catalog. It passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

English:

08-0014G – The proposal strengthens the graduate English programs by ensuring that new students take English 500 and either 520 or 527 early in their program, providing in-depth writing assignments requiring a grade of B or higher, and comprehensive individualized testing which links all elements necessary for a master's degree. It passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

Nursing:

08-0038G – This is a proposal to accept either the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the GRE as part of the admission requirement for the master’s program in nursing. It passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

Music:

08-0029G – This proposal will add Music 516, Symphonic Literature, as a graduate course, which will be dual-listed and offered in rotation on as needed basis. It passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

Physical Therapy:

080-0013G – This proposal will create a new course as an elective in Sports Physical Therapy. The course will offer insight into the clinical sports specialty of physical therapy. It passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

Psychology:

08-0011G – This proposal creates PSY 521 Occupational and Organizational Health which will be offered to master’s level students in the I/O and Research M.S. concentration and to students enrolled in the Health and Human Performance graduate program. Its emphasis will be on drawing connections between OHP theory and OHP practice. The proposal passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

08-0012G – This proposal is for the addition of graduate Psychology elective: Qualitative Methods for Applied Research and Evaluation. It will expose students to qualitative research methods for behavioral and social research. It passed by a hand count of 12-0-0.

Joe Dumas thanked the members of the curriculum committee for their work on the proposals.

Recommendations for Graduate Faculty Membership:

Stephanie Bellar stated that 65 applications were received from faculty requesting graduate faculty status. There was a discussion regarding the difference between full and special classifications as well as what status was required to direct dissertations. The recommendations of the Graduate Council committee were approved by a hand count of 12-0-0.

Other Matters; Adjournment:

Dr. Bellar announced the Graduate Student Association was holding a “meet and greet” on Monday, December 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Fletcher Hall. She asked the Council to encourage their students to drop by and let them know that there would be a raffle and food. She also reminded them to submit their recommendations of students for the new Graduate Student Advisory Board.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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